

PER-202

Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents (MCATI): Protester Devices

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Course Description

Public Safety agencies that handle WMD incidents are required to address any civil disturbances that arise as a result of these incidents. They need to be trained to understand the principles involved in MCATI. Poor crowd management within general proximity of a WMD event can easily exacerbate the continued spread of chemical or biological contamination, unless non-public safety persons are prevented from entering and exiting the threat zone.

Civil action in threat incidents is known by a variety of names: riot, civil disturbance, or protests. From a small peaceful assembly to a large, out-of-control, violent confrontation, public safety officials must be prepared to handle the incident. This course provides State, and local public safety agencies with the skills and tactics necessary to prepare for and successfully contend with protesters and their devices. The course combines classroom instruction detailing the history of devices, types of devices, tools to be considered for extrication, and safety considerations. It includes hands-on techniques using tools for defeating improvised protester devices. The course will teach methods of recognizing, responding to, and counteracting protester tactics, such as human chains, barriers, and improvised devices. Additional course topics will include, but not be limited to, extracting protesters, disabling devices, diverting attempts to create blockages, lock picking, teamwork, and power tools/machines.

Course Objectives

- Identify how and when certain devices and tools can be applied to restore order.
- Demonstrate the ability to safely use specialized tools and devices to extricate protesters and restore order.
- Identify and protect protester rights as guaranteed by the First Amendment while still conducting extrication procedures.
- Identify the legal aspects and actions allowed by law when dealing with passive resistance.
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of individual members of an extrication team.

Course Length

- 24 hours

Prerequisite

- Familiarity with power tools

Target Audience/Discipline

- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Management
- Fire Service
- Hazardous Material
- Public Works